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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace amend the title as follows:

ENCRYPTION METHOD FOR ENCRYPTING PLAINTEXT DATA COMPOSED OF

A PLURALITY OF BLOCKS AND, ENCRYPTION APPARATUS, DECRYPTION

METHOD FOR DECRYPTING CIPHERTEXT DATA COMPOSED OF A

PLURALITY OF BLOCKS AND DECRYPTION APPARATUS